



Sites relating to U.S. History in the Netherlands

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Sites relating to U.S. History in the Netherlands Ranked by theme



More than 400 years of U.S. -Dutch relations have left their marks in the Netherlands.

184 sites - some small, some impressive - can be found in all of the 12 Dutch provinces.

Rotterdam - Delfshaven - Pilgrim Church

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Native Americans

Leiden - Museum Volkenkunde



Steenstraat 1 - The ethnographic museum has a permanent exhibition of special artifacts of Native American peoples of North America such as the Pueblo Navajo and the Apaches.

<http://volkenkunde.nl/node/110>

Rotterdam - Wereldmuseum



Willemskade 25 - This ethnographic museum has a permanent exhibition of special artifacts of the Native American peoples of North America. <http://www.wereldmuseum.nl/>

New Netherlands and New Amsterdam (1609-1667)

In 1609, the Dutch vessel Half Moon set sail to North America, claimed the region for the Dutch and opened the land for the settlers who followed. Hudson's voyage, nearly ten years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, led to the establishment, in 1614, of the Dutch trading post Fort Nassau, at present day Albany, New York. The first European settlements in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania were built by the Dutch, beginning in 1624, and formed the Dutch colony of New Netherland, or Nieuw Nederlandt.

Peperga (Friesland) - Pieter Stuyvesant Church



church in Peperga.

Pepergaweg 12 - Peter Stuyvesant (c. 1612 – August 1672) served as the last Dutch Director-General of the colony of New Netherland (New York) from 1647 until it was ceded provisionally to the English in 1664. He was a major figure in the early history of New York City. According to historical sources, he was born and baptized in this

<http://www.pieterstuyvesant-kerk.nl/>

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Scherpenzeel (Friesland) - Pieter Stuyvesant Monument



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Hasselt (Overijssel) - Birthplace of Killiaen van Rensselaer



Hoogstraat 12 - The birthplace of Killiaen van Rensselaer (1580-1643), founder of Rensselaer NY.

Nijkerk (Gelderland) - Plaque to Commemorate Arendt van Curler



Gasthuisstraat 8 - Nijkerk was the home of Arendt van Curler, founder of Schenectady NY and his cousin Killiaen van Rensselaer (1580-1643), founder of Rensselaer NY. In July 1909, an American company, headed by Dr. W.E.Griffis, came to Nijkerk to unveil a brass plaque in the "Grote Kerk." This was in honor of Arendt van Curler, "Commissary of Rensselaer Wijck, maker of the peace agreement with the Iroquois, and founder of the city of Schenectady."

Nijkerk (Gelderland) - Place of Birth of Arendt van Curler



Einthovenhof 1 - The Corlaer farm was the place of birth of Arendt van Curler. Since 1984 there has been a city- to-city connection between Nijkerk and Schenectady. <http://www.nijkerk-schenectady.nl/>

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - West-Indisch Huis



Herenmarkt 97 - The West-Indisch Huis ("West India House") is the former headquarters of the Dutch West India Company (West-Indische Compagnie, WIC) in Amsterdam. In this building, the WIC's governors in 1625 ordered the construction of a fort on the island of Manhattan, laying the foundations for New York City. The John Adams Institute, which aims to further cultural exchange between the Netherlands and the U.S., is housed in the building.

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - West-Indisch Huis – Pieter Stuyvesant Statue



Herenmarkt 97 - In the courtyard of the West-Indisch Huis, a fountain was placed with a bronze statue of Pieter Stuyvesant, governor of New Netherland, the Dutch colony on the east coast of what is now the United States.

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - Schreierstoren - Site of Departure of Hudson's Half Moon



Prins Hendrikkade 94-95 - The Schreierstoren (in English incorrectly translated as: Weeper's Tower; it really means: Tower on a Corner) was originally part of the medieval city wall of Amsterdam. It was built in the 15th century and was the location from which Henry Hudson set sail on his journey to North America in 1609. Two plaques on the wall of the tower commemorate this fact.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Royal Library – Schaghen Letter



Peter Schaghen, the author of this document, was the representative of the States-General in the Assembly of the Nineteen of the West India Company. In the late summer of 1626 he reported the arrival of the ship Wapen van Amsterdam, newly arrived from New Netherland. In his report to the directors of the WIC he announced the purchase of Manhattan Island for the sum of 60 guilders. The Schaghen letter is the earliest reference to the purchase of the island that would become the center of New Netherland. The original document is held by the Royal Library in The Hague.

<http://www.kb.nl/coop/geheugen/extra/tentoonstellingen/atlanticworldEN/tentoonstellingen.html>

Breda (Noord Brabant) - Castle of Breda



Kasteelplein 10 - Site of the signing of the Treaty of Breda on July 31, 1667. The treaty ended the second Anglo-Dutch War. The most important clause left England in possession of New Netherlands, including New Amsterdam which was later renamed New York.

Breda (Noord Brabant) - Van der Donck Plaque



Boschstraat 22 - Adriaen Cornelissen van der Donck (ca. 1618 – ca. 1655) was born in the Boschstraat in Breda. He was a lawyer and landowner in New Netherland after whose honorific “Jonkheer” the city of Yonkers, New York was named. In addition to being the first lawyer in the Dutch colony, he was a leader in the political life of New Amsterdam (modern New York City), and an activist for Dutch-style republican government in the Dutch West India Company-run trading post. He plays a prominent role in Russell Shorto's book “The Island at the Center of the World” about New Amsterdam. In 2010, a plaque to commemorate Van der Donck was unveiled at the entrance of the Graphic Design museum.

Pilgrim Fathers in the Netherlands 1609-1620

In 1609 the Pilgrims arrived Leiden from England, and stayed there in the city until 1620. Via Delfshaven they then left for the United States, where they established the first colony.

Leiden (Zuid Holland) - American Pilgrim Museum

Beschuitsteeg 9 - The Leiden American Pilgrim Museum tells the stories of the founders of New England, the Pilgrims, who lived in Leiden from 1609 – 1620.
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~netlapm/Page12.htm>



Leiden (Zuid Holland) - John Robinson Memorial



Kloksteeg 16 - Two Pilgrim memorials mark the walls of the Pieterskerk's former baptismal chapel. One commemorates John Robinson, the Pilgrim minister who lived directly across the street and was buried in the Pieterskerk in 1625.

Leiden (Zuid Holland) - Pilgrims who Died in Exile Memorial



Kloksteeg 16 - This monument lists the Pilgrims who died during the Leiden exile and are buried in the Pieterskerk. The inscription quotes Pilgrim Robert Cushman's biblical remark (1622) that "We are all, in all places, strangers and pilgrims."

Leiden (Zuid Holland) - Leiden University



Rapenburg 70 - Pilgrim William Brewster taught English at Leiden University.

Rotterdam- Delfshaven (Zuid Holland) - Pilgrim Church



Aelbrechtkolk 20 - After living in Leiden for eleven years, the Pilgrims decided to move to America, where they might worship God in their own way and still be Englishmen. The great adventure started in Delfshaven, on 21st July 1620. There, a ship awaited them, the "Speedwell," that was bound for America. According to the chronicles, the Pilgrims knelt down in prayer on the quay near the church, that was later to be named after them.

Rotterdam- Delfshaven (Zuid Holland) - Pilgrim Commemoration Plaque



Aelbrechtkolk 20 - Plaque to commemorate the fact that "the Speedwell" with the Pilgrims set sail to England from this spot in 1620.

John Adams and the American Revolution

In 1782, the future President John Adams became the first U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands and received a loan from the Dutch. It amounted to the entire U.S. foreign debt at that time and was crucial to financing the American revolution. April 19, 1782, John Adams purchased a house on Fluwelen Burgwal 18 in The Hague, the first American embassy in the world.

Leeuwarden (Friesland) - Provinciehuis - Memorial of Gratitude



Tweebaksmarkt 52 - Plaque erected in 1909 by the De Wit Historical Society, that commemorates the fact that the States of Friesland first recognized the United States in 1782.

Zwolle (Overijssel) - Bust of Joan Derk, Baron van der Capellen tot den Pol



Sassenstraat - Joan Derk, Baron van der Capellen tot den Pol (November 2, 1741, Tiel – June 6, 1784, Zwolle) was a Dutch nobleman and an ardent supporter of the legal recognition of the recently created United States of America. Partly thanks to his influence, John Adams, and with him the young American Republic, were recognized in 1782 by the Dutch States-General. He also arranged a loan of 200,000 guilders for the American cause.

Zwolle (Overijssel) - Tablet to commemorate Joan Derk Cappellen tot den Pol,



Bloemendalstraat 12 - Bronze Tablet erected at Zwolle, June 6th, 1908 by The Holland Society of New York: "Commemorative of the Services Rendered to the United Colonies of North America in the Revolution against Great Britain by Baron Joan Derck van der

Capellen Tot den Pol, of Overysel, Netherlands."

http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Tablet_commemorative_of_Joan_van_der_Capellen_tot_den_Pol

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - House of John Adams



Keizersgracht 529 - The house was the home of John Adams in 1781-1782. A plaque was revealed to commemorate this fact.

<http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/hgvn/webroot/files/File/extra/atlanticworld/atlanticworld4EN/tentoon5.html>

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - Latin School



Singel 451-457 - In 1780, two of John Adams's sons, John Quincy and his younger brother Charles, went to the Latin School of Amsterdam. Their stay was of short duration. The two brothers did not settle in, partly because they did not speak Dutch. When a teacher threatened to punish one of the children because he felt the boy was not trying, Adams took both boys out of school. He arranged for them to be privately taught in Leiden and to follow lectures at the local university.

<http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/hgvn/webroot/files/File/extra/atlanticworld/atlanticworld4EN/tentoon6.html>

Leiden - Luzac House



Rapenburg 112 - America's first ambassador, the future president John Adams, visited Leiden's publisher Jean Luzac in the 1780s where the French-language "Gazette de Leyde" was produced. This newspaper, served as Europe's newspaper of record. Its readers included Louis XVI, Voltaire, Thomas Jefferson, and all the influential rulers and diplomats of the day. Universally respected for the quality of its information, the Gazette supported the American revolutionaries and the Dutch Patriot movement of the 1780s.

Leiden (Zuid Holland) - House where John Adams Lived



Langebrug 45 - The red house on the corner of the Diefsteeg and the Lange Brug is a student house where John Adams and his sons John Quincy and Charles found lodgings when the latter were students at the university.

Leiden (Zuid Holland) - Leiden University



Rapenburg 70 - John Quincy Adams, the 6th President of the USA, studied here when his father John Adams, who later became the 2nd President, was posted in Europe.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Royal Library – John Paul Jones Letter



John Paul Jones (July 6, 1747 – July 18, 1792) was the United States' first well-known naval fighter in the American Revolutionary War. During his stay on Texel, he wrote a letter dated October 19, 1779, to Dutch patriot Joan Derk van der Capellen tot den Pol thanking him for his support in fighting the British. The original document is held by the Royal Library in

The Hague.

<http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/?/nl/items/KONB04:44-1-10-18>

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Fluwelen Burgwal Site of First U.S. Embassy in the World



Fluwelen Burgwal 18 - On May 27, 1782, new Envoy John Adams bought a house here, making it the first U.S. Embassy in the world. In the 19th century, it was torn down. The building of the former Dutch government printing office is found in its place.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Binnenhof - Trêveszaal / Truce Chamber



In this chamber, on October 8, 1782, John Adams (1735-1826) signed the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between Netherlands and the U.S., eleven months before the peace treaty with Great Britain formally recognized US independence. Not open to the public.

<http://www.geheugenvannederland.nl/hgyn/webroot/files/File/extra/atlanticworld/atlanticworld4EN/tentoon7.html>

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Dutch emigration to the U.S. and famous Americans of Dutch descent

In 1613, the first Dutch settlers arrived in Northern America and founded a great number of villages and a town called New Amsterdam on the East Coast, which would become the future world metropolis of New York City. According to the 2006 United States Census, more than 5 million Americans claim total or partial Dutch heritage.

Today the majority of the Dutch Americans live in Michigan, California, Montana, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin, Idaho, Utah, Iowa, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Sleen (Drenthe) - "De Ziener" Monument to Commemorate the Michigan Pioneers from Drenthe



Brink 1 - In 1948, U.S. Ambassador Baruch unveiled a monument that commemorates the fact that a group of Drenthe pioneers, led by Evert Zagers, left for Michigan in 1847. It is located at the town hall of Sleen.

Arnhem (Gelderland) - Audrey Hepburn Monument



Burgemeestersplein - Famous Hollywood actress Audrey Hepburn (1929-1993), who had a Dutch mother, spent much of her childhood in Arnhem (1939-1945). A bust and a walking tour were set up to commemorate this fact.

<http://www.arneym.nl/arnhemmers/hepburn/0000009a3207b4614/index.html>

Amersfoort (Utrecht) - Mondriaanhuis



Kortegracht 11 - Birthplace of Dutch artist Piet Mondriaan (Amersfoort, 1872-New York 1944) and now a museum about his life and work.

<http://www.mondriaanhuis.nl>

Rotterdam (Zuid Holland) - Hotel New York



Koninginnehoofd 1 - The former head office of the Holland-America Line (1917), a shipping and passenger line, initially between Rotterdam and New York. The company was founded in 1872, and in the first 25 years of its existence, the line carried thousands of people from the old to the new world. <http://www.hotelnewyork.nl>

Rotterdam (Zuid Holland) - SS Rotterdam



3e Katendrechtse Hoofd 25 - Famous cruise ship of the Holland-America Line (1958) is now a hotel and museum. It also transported immigrants in its early years. <http://www.opderotterdam.nl/>

Rotterdam (Zuid Holland) - Birthplace Willem de Kooning



Zaagmolenstraat 13 – Birthplace of Dutch-American abstract expressionist artist Willem de Kooning (1904-1997). He emigrated to the U.S. in 1926.

Middelburg (Zeeland) - Roosevelt Study Center



Abdij 8 - The Roosevelt Study Center is a research institute, conference center, and library on modern American history located in a twelfth-century abbey in Middelburg, the Netherlands. It is named after three famous Americans, whose ancestors emigrated from Zeeland, the Netherlands, to the New World in the seventeenth century: President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945), and Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962). <http://www.roosevelt.nl/>

Middelburg (Zeeland) - Bust of FDR Roosevelt



The FDR bust is the first present of the City of Middelburg to the two Roosevelt institutes in town: the Roosevelt Academy and the Roosevelt Study Center. Engraved in the bust's pedestal are FDR's Four Freedoms. The bust was unveiled by Ambassador Hartog Levin on March 19, 2010.

Oud-Vossemeer (Tholen Zeeland) - Vier Vrijheden Monument



Raadhuisstraat - The Roosevelt monument was a gift from the Roosevelt family to the people of Oud-Vossemeer representing the Four Freedoms and was unveiled on June 18, 1992 in the presence of a granddaughter of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Ms. Silberstein-Roosevelt.

Oud-Vossemeer (Tholen Zeeland) - Roosevelthuis



Ring - The Ambachtsherenhuis is also sometimes called Roosevelthuis because the Roosevelt's coat of arms is depicted on it even though the family never lived in the house. The Roosevelts had already emigrated when it was built. <http://www.ambachtsheerlijkheid.com/>

World War II Monuments

Friesland

Bolsward - Airmen Memorial



This monument, established on May 4, 2008, is dedicated to the American airmen who died in a 1943 crash nearby Bolsward. The memorial consists of a boulder with a plaque attached.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/4972/Airmen-Memorial.htm>

Kimswerd - Memorial Crashed bombers



This monument commemorates the crew of two bombers which crashed in Kimswerd. The crew of a British Wellington is buried in the local cemetery. The crew of an American B17 Flying Fortress, that crashed on December 16, 1943, is buried in Margraten.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/21541/Memorial-Crashed-Bombers.htm>

Opeinde - Memorial Crashes British Lancaster and American B-24 Bomber



The monument "Freonen Foar Altyd" is a reminder of the crashes of the British Lancaster that crashed on 27-06-1942 and the American B-24 Bomber, the Sack-time Sally, which crashed on 26-11-1943.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/23623/Memorial-Crashes-British-Lancaster-and-American-B-24-Bomber.htm>

Drenthe

Exloo - Memorial Crashed Liberator B-24 Bomber



This memorial commemorates the January 1944 crash of an American bomber.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/28425/Memorial-Crash-B24-Liberator--Exloo.htm>

Hijken - Monument Crash B17 Oranjekanaal



This memorial commemorates the crash of the American B-17 "Junior", on 6 March 1944. All 10 crewmembers survived the crash.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/28424/Monument-Crash-B17-Oranjekanaal.htm>

Hollandscheveld - Plaque Cemetery



This plaque commemorates Albert Albino, an American pilot who crashed in Hollandscheveld in 1943. Until 1979, he was missing. His body was found in 1979 during ground works. The remains were transferred to the United States and he was buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland Oregon.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/15211/Plaque-Cemetery-Hollandscheveld.htm>

Vries – Memorial American Crewmembers



This memorial is located on the cemetery in Vries. It commemorates the crew of an American bomber which crashed on July 28, 1943. They were temporarily buried here.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/7875/Memorial-American-Crewmembers.htm>

Overijssel

Raalte – American Motorcycle Museum



The American Motorcycle Museum in Raalte is a museum about American motorcycles, especially the classic ones. The collection consists of about 10 motorcycles from the Second World War.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/4331/American-Motorcycle-Museum.htm>

Vriezenveen – Twents War museum



This museum has a large collection of vehicles, weapons, projectiles, grenades, an engine from a downed plane and lots of other parts, emblems and uniforms of the Dutch, German, English, American and Canadian Army.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/802/Twents-Warmuseum-1940-1945.htm>

Zwolle - Memorial B-17



This memorial at the Eikenlaan in the borough of Berkum in Zwolle commemorates the crewmembers of an American B-17 bomber.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/12245/Memorial-B-17.htm>

Flevoland

Lelystad – Engine of a Consolidated B-24 Liberator



This engine is located at the Nieuwland Erfgoedcentrum. It was dug out in 1975.

The American bomber was hit by German FLAK and crashed into the IJssel-lake. Only the co-pilot, Charles Taylor, survived the crash and became POW. He was present when the wreck was lifted. Five of his comrades were still in the wreck.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/7737/Engine-of-a-Consolidated-B-24-Liberator.htm>

Gelderland

Beek-Ubbergen – Memorial 82nd Airborne Division



Dedicated to the liberators of Beek, the 82nd U.S. Airborne Division.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/673/Memorial-82nd-Airborne-Division.htm>

Bennekom- Monument Dolor A. Martin



On Thursday, November 11th, 1943, at 2.15 pm, the 28 year old 2nd Lieutenant Dolor A. Martin from Gloucester, Massachusetts died in a farmland near the corner of Harnschesteeg and Krommesteeg.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1826/Monument-Dolor-A-Martin.htm>

Deelen – Museum Airbase



During WWII, about 7.500 planes crashed on Dutch soil. Thousands of aviators got hurt or were killed under dramatic circumstances. The exposition Gliderborne shows interesting parts and reconstructions of the American Waco Glider and the British Horsa and Hamilcar Gliders.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/21/Museum-Airbase-Deelen.htm>

Dodewaard - Memorial Skytrain C-47A, 43-15180



On 18 september 1944 a Dakota crashed in the field behind this memorial. There were no survivors. Six American crew members and eighteen British paratroopers died.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/42929/Memorial-Skytrain-C-47A-43-15180.htm>

Ede (Wekerom) - Robert N. Greene Memorial



On September 17, 1944 2nd Lieutenant Robert N. Greene from Norfolk, Virginia, died in the field opposite this marker, twenty years old. Robert Greene was pilot of a Republic P-47D Thunderbolt of the 353rd Fighter Group of the American Eighth Air Force, based at Raydon, England. His unit was tasked to support the airborne landings at Arnhem ('Operation Market Garden'). When attacking a German gun near Wekerom, his aircraft was set on fire and crashed near here.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/2171/Robert-N-Greene-Memorial.htm>

Elst - Plaque "The Incredible Patrol"



In the lobby of the Town Hall in Elst, this monument commemorates the residents from Elst of the courageous act of six American soldiers on 29-10-1944 during the Second World War.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/40166/Plaque-The-Incredible-Patrol-Elst.htm>

Groesbeek - Memorial General Gavin



This monument was erected for the 82nd Airborne Division under command of General M. James Gavin who liberated Groesbeek on September 17, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/493/Memorial-General-Gavin.htm>

Bio General Gavin: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/34390>

Groesbeek - Monument 82nd Airborne Division and the 1st Canadian Army



This monument is dedicated to the 82nd Airborne Division which landed here and to the 1st Canadian Army who guarded the area in the winter of 1944-1945.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/513/Monument-82nd-Airborne-Division-and-the-1st-Canadian-Army.htm>

Groesbeek - Monument 82nd Airborne Division and Operation Veritable



This double monument is dedicated to the 82nd Airborne Division and to the whole Veritable operation.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/514/Monument-82nd-Airborne-Division-and-Operation-Veritable.htm>

Groesbeek – National Liberation Museum



Set in one of the most beautiful locations in the Netherlands, is the National Liberation Museum 1944-1945. The museum demonstrates the real meaning of freedom, democracy and human rights to young and old alike.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/39/National-Liberation-Museum-1944-1945.htm>

Groesbeek - Liberation Plaque Town Hall



In the townhall of Groesbeek hangs a liberation plaque, commemorating the 505th parachute regimental combat team of the American 82nd Airborne Division.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/31694/Liberation-Plaque-Town-Hall-Groesbeek.htm>

't Harde - Memorial Theodore 'Ted' H. Bachenheimer



Ted Bachenheimer, of the Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, was shot nearby this spot by the Germans on October 22, 1944 after trying to escape.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/803/Memorial-Theodore-Ted-H-Bachenheimer.htm>

Bio Ted Bachenheimer: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/34342>

Heteren – Crossroads Memorial



Monument commemorating the battle between 35 American soldiers and 150 Germans.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/719/Crossroads-Memorial-Heteren.htm>

Heteren - Betuws War Museum "The Island" 1944-1945



The museum "The Island" covers the area of the Betuwe during the years 1944-1945. Much of what is shown is from veterans and people from the area. Many of museum's objects have a story to tell, bringing the history of the Betuwe during 1944-1945 to life.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/286/Betuws-War-Museum-The-Island-1944-1945.htm>

Heteren – Memorial 101st Airborne Division



This monument stands just outside Heteren on the dike under the bridge of the A50 highway over the Nederrijn and consists of a monument with a bench next to it.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/565/Memorial-101st-Airborne-Division.htm>

Nijmegen - Anti-tank gun Waalbrug



During Operation Market Garden in September 1944, the American paratroopers and the British ground forces arrived at the bridge and were faced with the resistance of the Germans.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1520/Anti-tank-gun-Waalbrug.htm>

Nijmegen- Commonwealth War Cemetery Jonkerbos



Jonkerbos War Cemetery in Nijmegen has a total of 1,543 military graves of soldiers that died on Dutch soil between September 3rd 1939 and May 5, 1945.

Where the cemetery is situated, the 504th Para Infantry Regiment of the US Army prepared for the crossing of the river Waal on

September 20, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/13489/Dutch-War-Graves-Jonkerbos.htm>

Nijmegen (Lent)- Monument rivercrossing Waal by Nijmegen



The memorial was erected on September 18, 1984, 40 years after the Market Garden Operation. It commemorates the Waal-crossing by the 82nd Airborne Division and the 307 Eng 376 Pfab, with the 505 Par Infantry Guards Armoured division. 47 American soldiers were killed during this operation.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/494/Monument-Rivercrossing-Waal-at-Nijmegen.htm>

Opheusden - Memorial 101st Airborne Division and Belgium 1st Brigade



The monument was established for the units of the American 101st Airborne Division and the Belgium 1st Brigade.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/329/Memorial-101st-Airborne-Division-and-Belgium-1st-Brigade.htm>

Opheusden - Memorial 101st Airborne Division



You can find this monument on the place where in October 1944 a first aid camp of the U.S. 101st Airborne Division was established.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/564/Memorial-101st-Airborne-Division.htm>

Opijnen – American War Graves



On Opijnen Protestant Churchyard eight American airmen are buried. That's remarkable because all other American graves are replaced to American War Cemeteries or to the U.S.A. On special request of the people of Opijnen and the relatives of these casualties, these graves are

still in Opijnen.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1631/American-War-Graves-Opijnen.htm>

Opijnen – B17 Man O War



In Opijnen in a newbuild area this memorial can be found. The memorial honors the American crew members of the B17 'Man-O-War' that crashed in Opijnen on July 30th 1943. Eight of the ten crewmembers didn't survive the crash, they are buried in the Protestant churchyard in Opijnen.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/11286/Memorial-B17-Man-O-War.htm>

Overasselt - Memorial 82nd Airborne Division



Memorial on behalf of the 82nd Airborne Division that landed in this field with parachutes and gliders.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/497/Memorial-82nd-Airborne-Division.htm>

Utrecht

De Bilt – Memorial Crashed B-17



This memorial is located in the garden of a house. It commemorates the crash of an American B-17 bomber, on October 20, 1943. The B-17 was shot down by a German fighter plane. It crashed on two houses. Five members of the crew and three people in one house were killed.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/5000/Memorial-Crashed-B-17.htm>

Soesterberg - Airforce Memorial Soesterberg



The memorial, Missing Man Salute, commemorates all the American bomber-crews who were killed in the Netherlands during the Second World War, and in particular the crew of the B-24H Liberator 'Connie' which crashed on June 21, 1944 after a raid on Berlin.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/731/Airforce-Memorial-Soesterberg.htm>

North Holland

Aalsmeer – Memorial “Hells Fury”



Monument to commemorate the crew of “Hell’s Fury,” a U.S. B-26 Marauder of the 386th Bomb Group, shot down over Aalsmeer during World War II. It was unveiled by U.S. Consul General Ruterbories on May 4, 2011.

http://www.crash40-45.nl/stichting_nl/bergingen/Crashreport%20B26%20Marauder%20Museum.pdf

Aalsmeerderbrug - Air War and Resistance Museum CRASH '40-'45



CRASH has been active in research in Dutch air war history since 1987. In the western part of the Netherlands, approximately 750 aircraft were downed during the Second World War. The foundation focuses mainly on ‘the story’ behind every piece of wreckage.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1128/Air-War-and-Resistance-Museum-CRASH-40-45.htm>

Amsterdam – Memorial Crashed B17 Flying Fortress bomber

This memorial commemorates the crash of an American Fortress bomber into an Amsterdam school in 1944. One of the American survivors was present when a plaque was unveiled in 2006.

<http://www.emielros.nl/bommenwerper/index.en.html>

Jisp – Memorial Aircraft Crashes



This memorial is located along the cycle-path between the Kanaaldijk and the Jisperdijkje. It commemorates three crashed which took place in the direct surroundings during World War II including an American Liberator B-24, on 6 March 1944 (all 10 crewmembers killed). <http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/14612/Memorial-Aircraft-Crashes.htm>

Heemskerk – B-17G Flying Fortress Memorial



Situated near the Air War Museum Fortress Veldhuis, this memorial is dedicated to the crew members of the B-17 Flying Fortress bomber which crashed on that spot in 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/8341/B-17G-Flying-Fortress-Memorial.htm>

Den Hoorn (Texel) – Memorial Crash B-17



This remembrance stone commemorates the crash of an American B-17 bomber on this location on 3 April 1945. Eight out of ten crewmembers were killed in the crash.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/15941/Memorial-Crash-B-17.htm>

Loosdrecht - American war grave



On the General Cemetery 'de Rading' in Loosdrecht, lies the grave of U.S. soldier Jasper Vandenberg, born on 07.08.1916 in Albany, NY and killed on 16.12.1944 in St. Vith, Belgium (Ardennes Offensive). He was a soldier in the 801 Tank Destroyer Bn. He was initially buried in Henri-Chapelle American War Cemetery in Belgium.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/16017/American-War-Grave-Loosdrecht.htm>

Midwoud – B-17G Memorial



In front of the church in Midwoud stands a memorial with a propeller to commemorate the crew of the B-17G with serial 44-6601. On the stone the following text is inscribed: In commemoration of the American aircrew, crashed on January 20th 1945.

Biography crew member Cecil Kenneth Belton <http://ww2il.com/?p=89>
<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/5006/Memorial-B-17G-Midwoud.htm>

Midwoud – War Museum West-Friesland

In this museum you can find many objects from World War II such as: components of planes, used objects which belonged to people during the war, such as food orders etc. Furthermore there is a map on which you can find all planes which have crashed down above the Netherlands . Visit only by appointment.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/266/War-Museum-West-Friesland.htm>

Zaandam - Memorial Killed Resistance Fighters



A memorial for four Dutch helpers of U.S. B24 crew members.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/18628/Memorial-Killed-Resistance-Fighters.htm>

South Holland

Barendrecht – War Memorial



A plaque for four victims of a crashed American Liberator.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/7723/War-Memorial-Barendrecht.htm>

Oude Tonge – War Memorial Robert E. Stover



This memorial commemorates the American 1st Lt. Robert E. Stover. Stover crashed down on July 30th 1943 with his Thunderbolt P-47C at this place down. He didn't survive the crash. Stover is buried at the American War Cemetery Ardennes.

[http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/14534/War-Memorial-Robert-E-](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/14534/War-Memorial-Robert-E-Stover.htm)

[Stover.htm](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/14534/War-Memorial-Robert-E-Stover.htm)

Rijswijk – Memorial Crashed Liberator B24 J 42



This memorial commemorates the U.S. bomber that crashed in Rijswijk on September 26, 1944, and the pilots Thomas H. Gill and William G. Rayner.

<http://www.446bg.com/memorials/rijswijk.htm>

Zevenhuizen - Monument "Reflection Towards the Future"

This monument commemorates the assault on the hunting lodge where S/Sgt John E. McCormick was located, and in memory of all those who gave themselves to a free Netherlands.

The John McCormick story: <http://www.b24.net/stories/McCormick.htm>

Zoetermeer - Grave of 578th Squadron gunner S/Sgt John E. McCormick



He was a crewmember of a U.S. Bomber that was shot down. He joined the resistance and got killed in a shoot out with the Germans.

<http://www.b24.net/stories/McCormick.htm>

Zoeterwoude - Monument of the B24 Bomber that Crashed on February 22, 1945



One of the survivors was S/Sgt John E. McCormick.

<http://www.b24.net/stories/McCormick.htm>

Zeeland

Goes - American Loc 4389 locomotive



During the Second World War, engines of this type were used for transports supporting the American invasion army. In 1947 this engine was acquired from the army surplus stores by the Oranje Nassau mine (Dutch State Mines) to be used for shunting operations. Since 1980 the engine has been run by SGB (Steam engine Goes Borssele) and it is the only one of its type available in the Benelux. Loc 4389 is marked by the Boiler Number 5098, construction year 1943 by 'Murray Iron'.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1441/American-Loc-4389-locomotive.htm>

Nieuwdorp (Borssele) - Information Plaque for the Feathered Injun



At the entrance of the Liberation Museum Zeeland are the propeller and weapons to honor the crew of the American B24 Liberator bomber "Feathered Injun".

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/20957/Information-Plaque-for-the-Feathered-Injun.htm>

's-Heer Abtskerke- Crash location B-24-H Liberator



Site where an American bomber crashed.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/35336/Crash-Location-B-24H-Liberator-42-94886-Feathered-Injun.htm>

North Brabant

Aarle Rixtel - Memorial for fallen airmen



A small chapel was built to remember the fallen Aircraft crew and inhabitants .

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/42/Killed-Airmen-Memorial.htm>

Best – Joe Mann Memorial



This memorial stone was unveiled in 1984, close to the original place where Joe Mann died in action on September 19, 1944. The American paratrooper was involved with the capture of the bridge over the Wilhelminakanaal. He saved the lives of his comrades, by intercepting a grenade with his back. For this act he posthumously received the highest American military distinction: the Medal of Honor.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/289/Joe-Mann-memorial.htm>

Bio Joe Mann: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/946>

Best – Joe Mann Monument



The Joe Mann monument commemorates the liberation of Best by the allied forces. The reason that the monument is named after the U.S. paratrooper Joe Mann.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/289/Joe-Mann-memorial.htm>

Bio Joe Mann: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/946>

Best - Museum Wings of Liberation



This museum gives an overview of Operation Market Garden.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/32/Museum-Wings-of-Liberation.htm>

Best - Robert Cole Memorial



This memorial is named after Lt. Col. Robert G. Cole. He was killed in action during Operation Market Garden on September 18, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/7927/Robert-Cole-Memorial.htm>

Bio: Robert George Cole: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/755>

Castelre – Memorial William “Bill” Kirlin



This monument commemorates William Kirlin, an American radio operator who died at this spot when his bomber crashed, on 18 September 1944. <http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/12764/Memorial-William-Bill-Kirlin.htm>

Eerde- Geronimo Monument



The 501 Parachute Infantry of the 101st Airborne Division landed just behind the windmill at Eerde, and fought a series of daring battles to keep "Hell's Highway" open. The monument is situated next to the windmill.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/696/Geronimo-memorial.htm>

Eerde- The Windmill



The windmill at Eerde was destroyed on 24th September 1944 during "The Battle of the Sanddunes". In this windmill, Jacob H. Wingard, Pennsylvania sgt 501 prcht inf abn div, was killed on September 18, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/695/The-Windmill.htm>

Eindhoven - Airborne Memorial Eindhoven



Monument in memory of the liberation of Eindhoven by the 101st Airborne Division. Eindhoven was the first Dutch city to be liberated by the 101st Airborne Division. The 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment and other units of the Division entered Eindhoven and linked up with the British Second Army on September 18, 1944. This action successfully completed the initial phase of the Division's mission - the seizure of the corridor and the opening of the highway from Eindhoven to Veghel.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/315/Airborne-Memorial-Eindhoven.htm>

Grave-Memorial 82nd Airborne Division



Monument in honor of the 82nd Airborne Division that landed here on September 17, 1944 to secure several bridges around Nijmegen.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/496/Memorial-82nd-Airborne-Division.htm>

Grave-Memorial 82nd Airborne Division



A monument dedicated to the men of 82nd Airborne Division who liberated Grave. The monument is a bronze parachute which hangs over a wall. <http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/592/Memorial-82nd-Airborne-Division.htm>

Grave-John S. Thompson Bridge



On September 17, 1944 Lieutenant John. S. Thompson of the 82nd Airborne Division landed with 16 of his men next to the Graafsebrug. This bridge is located across the Meuse river at the height of Grave. After the WWII, the bridge was renamed Lieutenant John S. Thompson in September 2004, in the presence of his widow.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/591/John-S-Thompson-Bridge.htm>

Heeswijk - Airborne Memorial and Liberation Chapel



This chapel commemorates the liberation of Heeswijk by the 101st Airborne Division during Operation' Market Garden.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/4822/Airborne-Memorial-and-Liberation-Chapel.htm>

Hoogeloon - Monument American Hiders



This monument commemorates that on this site with the help of the local resistance, American airmen were in hiding before the last days of the liberation.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/13429/Monument-American-Hiders.htm>

Linden- American Memorial



This monument can be found on the wall surrounding the municipal cemetery in Linden (near Cuijk).

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/691/American-Memorial-Linden.htm>

Linden-Memorial crash C-47



This memorial is located on the place where an American C-47 crashed during Market Garden. The crew died and was temporarily buried in Linden Churchyard.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/3078/Memorial-crash-C-47.htm>

Nuenen – Memorial 101st Airborne Division



Memorial for the 506th P.I.R. 101st Airborne Division 'E' Company Operation Market Garden, September 17, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1994/Memorial-101st-Airborne-Division.htm>

Nuenen- Wederopstanding is bevrijding memorial



Text on the monument: In honor of them and our fatherland died here killed in action cpl. R. Stohhard tpr. B. Nicholis 20-09-1944

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/301/Wederopstanding-is-bevrijding-Memorial.htm>

Overloon – Liberty Park



Liberty Park in Overloon consists of two museums – the Dutch National War and Resistance Museum and the Marshall Museum.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1/Liberty-Park.htm>

Overloon-US 7th Armored Division Memorial



The memorial is located near the entrance to the Liberty Park. The following text is written on the memorial: October 1944 in Memory of the soldiers of the US 7th Armored Division who gave their lives during the liberation of Overloon.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/4497/US-7th-Armored-Division-Memorial.htm>

Schijndel- Memorial 'De Kloek'



This memorial at the Museum Jan Heestershuis commemorates the protection of 27 American paratroopers by the nuns of the Lidwina-monastery during Operation Market Garden, until October 1944.

[http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/19438/Memorial-De-](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/19438/Memorial-De-Kloek.htm)

[Kloek.htm](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/19438/Memorial-De-Kloek.htm)

Sint Oedenrode - Airborne Plaque



On the old town hall in St. Oedenrode are some plaques, one of them is this plaque that commemorates 11 killed American liberators of Sint Oedenrode.

[http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/27989/Airborne-Plaque-St-](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/27989/Airborne-Plaque-St-Oedenrode.htm)

[Oedenrode.htm](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/27989/Airborne-Plaque-St-Oedenrode.htm)

Sint Oedenrode- Castle Henkenshage - Headquarters 101st Airborne Division



The headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division (Commander Maxwell D. Taylor) were situated here during Operation Market Garden in September 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/583/Castle-Henkenshage---Headquarters-101st-Airborne-Division.htm>

Bio Maxwell D. Taylor: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/34469>

Sint Oedenrode – Monument to the Dutch



This memorial was given by the veterans of the 101st Airborne Division in appreciation of the courage, the friendship and the compassion of the inhabitants.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/585/Monument-to-the-Dutch.htm>

Son- Airborne Memorial Zonhove

In the garden of the former sanatorium Zonhove, which is now a center for disabled people, you can find this monument dedicated to the 101st Airborne Division who fought a tough battle with the Germans here around September 17, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/861/Airborne-Memorial-Zonhove.htm>

Son- De Parachutist



This memorial was placed by Comrades of the 101st Airborne Division Association in honor of their comrades and the people of the Netherlands

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/580/De-Parachutist.htm>

Bio Maxwell D. Taylor:

<http://www.ww2awards.com/person/34469>

Son - Former U.S. Military War Cemetery Wolfswinkel



On the path behind farm "The Waterhoef" was between 1944 and 1949 the former American War Cemetery Wolfswinkel. The cemetery was in use for American and Allied casualties.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/40974/Former-US-Military-War-Cemetery-Wolfswinkel.htm>

Terheijden- Memorial fallen airmen



A monument was set up by Heemkundekring The Vlasselt in memory of the fallen airmen in World War II, an American and two Polish.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/35105/Memorial-Fallen-Airmen-Terheijden.htm>

Udenhout – Maria Chapel with plaque



This chapel was built in gratitude for the saving of war violence. It contains a plaque that commemorates the American crew of a crashed B17 "Flying Fortress" they are buried in the American War Cemetery in Margraten.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/14765/Maria-Chapel-with-Plaques-Udenhout.htm>

Veghel- Klondike - Headquarters 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment (101st Airborne Division)



The former house of Doctor Kersemakers was used as headquarters during Operation Market Garden in September 1944 by the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division. The inscription on the gate reads: 'KLONDIKE 1944'. The name Klondike was the codename for the 501st Parachute Infantry

Regiment.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/748/Klondike---Headquarters-501st-Parachute-Infantry-Regiment-101st-Airborne-Division.htm>

Zundert- Timberwolf Division Memorial



This monument was unveiled in 2001. The American 104th Infantry Division (the Timberwolf Division) liberated the community of Zundert at the end of October 1944. They were under command of the 1st Canadian army. Attached (also the Timberwolves) was the American 555AAA. One of the soldiers of the 555AAA was Mr.

Welsh, the father of former First Lady Laura Bush.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/319/Timberwolf-Division-Memorial.htm>

Limburg

Geleen- Memorial Second Armoured Division “Hell on Wheels”



Next to the entrance of the Petrus en Marcellinus Roman Catholic Cemetery is a memorial to commemorate the Second Armored Division “Hell on Wheels”. The memorial contains the names of American soldiers who were killed in September 1944, during the liberation of southern Limburg.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/4866/Memorial-Second-Armoured-Division-%93Hell-on-Wheels%94.htm>

Gronsveld - Memorial Sergeant Raymond F. Gargenes



This monument is dedicated to U.S. Sergeant Raymond F. Gargenes (Pennsylvania) who died on this spot on 13 September 1944. He was with the U.S. 30th Infantry Division.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/33564/Memorial-Sergeant-Raymond-F-Gargenes.htm>

Grubbenvorst - War Memorial



This memorial commemorates 1st. Lieutenant Woodrow W. Glover, an American pilot, amongst others.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/26259/War-Memorial-Grubbenvorst.htm>

Haelen – Leudal Monument



Monument of Tolerance at Haelen, the Netherlands.

This Monument was unveiled on 8th March 2001 to commemorate the war years 1940-1945 and the 687 military from 11 nations, including the United States, who lost their lives in the Leudal area.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/627/Leudal-Memorial.htm>

Maastricht-Cave de Schark

On a wall in the limestone cave in Maastricht, one can see the names of American soldiers. These are traces of a mass on Christmas night, 1944. Maastricht was liberated by that time, but the Battle of the Bulge was still going on.

http://www.4en5mei.nl/oorlogsmonumenten/zoeken/monument-detail/ rp_main_elementId/1_15294

Maastricht - Liberation Tree Old Hickoryplein



This Liberation Tree reminds the inhabitants of Maastricht of the liberation of the city by the American troops of the 30th Infantry Division on 13 and 14 September 1944. It was planted on 14-09-1989.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/32395/Liberation-Tree-Old-Hickoryplein-Maastricht.htm>

Maastricht - Memorial United Glass factories N.V.



The monument in the United Glass factories N.V. in Maastricht is in memory of two American soldiers who died on 18-12-1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/32393/Memorial-United-Glass-factories-NV-Maastricht.htm>

Maastricht-Monument in the Bonnefantencollege

This monument commemorates the fact that in this former convent was used as a technical workplace by the Army, the Detacticle Aircorps.

<http://www.4en5mei.nl/oorlogsmonumenten/zoeken/monument-detail/ rp main elementId/1 15282>

Maastricht-Plaque Old Hickory Sint Servaasbrug

The plaque for the 'Old Hickory Division' is there to remind the citizens of Maastricht of the liberation of the city on the 13th and 14th of September 1944 by the American troops of the 30th Infantry Division.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/416/Plaque-Old-Hickory-Sint-Servaasbrug.htm>

Maastricht- Plaque Old Hickory Vrijthof



The bronze memorial plaque, in the shape of a medallion, was presented by the 30th Infantry Division Association. These troops, also called 'Old Hickory', liberated the city of Maastricht on September 13 and 14, 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/415/Plaque-Old-Hickory-Vrijthof.htm>

Maastricht- War Memorial Maastricht



The war memorial in Maastricht is a bronze group of statues existing of eight partying human figures, including an American soldier who makes the V sign ("Victory").

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/414/War-Memorial-Maastricht.htm>

Margraten-American Cemetery and Memorial



8301 soldiers are buried at Margraten . 2 Unknown soldiers are buried in 1 grave. There is also a memorial listing the names of 1723 missing American soldiers.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/143/Netherlands-American-Cemetery-and-Memorial.htm>

Mesch- Memorial 30th Division Old Hickory



Here in Mesch, D-day began for Southern Limburg. Troops of A company under command of captain Kent of the 117th regiment of the 30th American Division (Old Hickory) crossed the Dutch - Belgian border at this memorial stone on September 12, 1944 around 10:00 AM. In the early morning the 117th regiment came to the Dutch border from Berneau. The objective was to capture a beneficial operating position which could help them close the Rijksweg Maastricht - Aken the following day. *This made them the first allies who set foot on Dutch soil.*

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/396/Memorial-30th-Division-Old-Hickory.htm>

Mook- Commonwealth War Cemetery Mook



First entered by American airborne troops during the landing on September 17, 1944. Mook was occupied by troops of British Second Army's XXX Corps some days later.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/608/Commonwealth-War-Cemetery-Mook.htm>

Molenhoek-Memorial Temporary Cemetery



This monument was placed on the spot where a temporary cemetery was established in 1944 during Operation Market Garden. <http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/769/Memorial-Temporary-Cemetery.htm>

Nieuwstadt – Liberation Plaque



On the former town hall in Nieuwstadt is a plaque commemorating the liberation of Nieuwstadt.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/23392/Plaque-Liberation-Nieuwstadt.htm>

Noorbeek - Liberation memorial



Noorbeek was liberated by American troops of the 3rd Battalion, 119th regiment, 30th Infantry Division, on September the 12th , 1944.

[http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/32784/Liberation-memorial-](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/32784/Liberation-memorial-Noorbeek.htm)

[Noorbeek.htm](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/32784/Liberation-memorial-Noorbeek.htm)

Noorbeek - Memorial Roy L. Booher, 30th Infantry Division



This monument was placed in September 2009 to honor Roy L. Booher who was killed near this spot. He is the first American soldier who was killed during the liberation of the Netherlands on September 12th 1944.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/14587/Memorial-Roy-L-Booher-30th-Infantry-Division.htm>

Ospel- Memorial to the fallen of the U. S. 7th Armored Division



This memorial to the 50 men of the U. S. 7th Armored Division who died in the immediate vicinity of this town. Most of those men died in the fighting following the German counter-attack on October 27, 1944, which lasted until the 7th Armored Division was relieved on November 8, 1944. [http://www.7tharmdiv.org/ospel-](http://www.7tharmdiv.org/ospel-monument.htm)

[monument.htm](http://www.7tharmdiv.org/ospel-monument.htm)

Sint Geertruid-Old Hickory Memorial



This is a memorial in memory of the liberators of Sint Geertruid. Sint Geertruid is a town in Southern Limburg and is situated in between Gronsveld and Noorbeek. Sint Geertruid was liberated on September 12 and 13, 1944 by the 117th regiment of the 30th Infantry Division. This regiment was escorted by the 113th squadron of the 113th cavalry group. <http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/405/Old-Hickory-Memorial.htm>

Bio James W. Locket: <http://www.ww2awards.com/person/40920>

Tegelen- Memorial for the Fallen



The Memorial for the Fallen in Tegelen commemorates the inhabitants of Tegelen who died because of the Second World War. It shows an American soldier hit by a bullet trying to protect a woman and child.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1426/Memorial-for-the-Fallen-Tegelen.htm>

Valkenburg- The Old-Hickory Friendship Tree



The Old-Hickory „Friendship Tree” „Carya Illinoensis” Presented by the 30th Infantry Division Association. Valkenburg a/d Geul: September 17, 1989.

<http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1072/The-Old-Hickory-Friendshiptree.htm>

Valkenburg- Velvet Cave Valkenburg



During WWII this cave, the 'Fluweelengrot' or 'Velvet Cave', had been used as a shelter for the public but also by American troops. Many of these soldiers inscribed their names in this sandstone cave.

[http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1281/Velvet-Cave-](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1281/Velvet-Cave-Valkenburg.htm)

[Valkenburg.htm](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/1281/Velvet-Cave-Valkenburg.htm)

Venlo- Remnants Fliegerhorst Venlo-Herongen



The former airbase Venlo Herongen was built between October 1940 and March 1941. It was established as a German airfield on the Groote Heide near Venlo. From March 10, 1945 to September 20, 1945, the airport was used by the American troops and called "Y-55".

[http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/13876/Remnants-](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/13876/Remnants-Fliegerhorst-Venlo-Herongen.htm)

[Fliegerhorst-Venlo-Herongen.htm](http://en.tracesofwar.com/article/13876/Remnants-Fliegerhorst-Venlo-Herongen.htm)

Art and Architecture

Almere (Flevoland) - Original American Diner from 1939.



Beatrixpromenade 7 - Original American diner built in New Jersey, and one of the last models built in Art Deco style. It still has original interior elements. It was shipped to the Netherlands and rebuilt in 2010. It is now already the oldest building in Almere.

<http://www.gatewaydiner.nl/>

Loenen aan de Vecht (Utrecht) - House Designed by Michael Graves

Oud Over 41 - This house by American architect Michael Graves (1934) was built in 2002. Michael Graves is part of the New York Five, a group of American architects.

Amstelveen (Noord Holland) - Van Leer Factory



Amsterdamseweg 204 - The former headquarters of the Van Leer factory opened in 1958, and was designed by American modernist architect Marcel Breuer (1902-1981). Breuer is also known for his design of the Wassily chair. In 2009, the city of Amstelveen made it a municipal listed building.

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - Chet Baker Memorial



Prins Hendrikkade 55 - Site where American trumpet player and singer Chet Baker died (1929-1988).

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - Stedelijk Museum



Paulus Potterstraat 13 – The Amsterdam Museum of Modern Art opened in 2013. It has a large collection of modern American art: Kienholz, Newman, Jackson Pollock, Warhol and Man Ray.

<http://www.stedelijk.nl>

Eindhoven – van Abbe Museum



Bilderdijklaan 10 - The museum has a collection of American art made after 1960 with Robert Morris, Donald Judd, Carl Andre, Sol LeWitt, Bruce Nauman and Lawrence Weiner and with west-coast artists like John Baldessari and Ed Ruscha. <http://www.vanabbemuseum.nl/en/>

Enschede (Overijssel) Estate Zonnebeek



Zonnebeekweg 110 - The historic estate “Zonnebeek” was built between 1906-1908 for textile plant owner Bernhard van Heek and his American wife Edwina Burr-Ewing. It was constructed in American post-revolutionary style after a mansion in Tennessee.

Groningen - City marking S3 by Daniel Libeskind



Rozenburglaan - Polish-American architect Daniel Libeskind (1946 -) designed a large open book. It is a part of his plan for city markings of Groningen. Libeskind is perhaps most famous for being selected to oversee the rebuilding of the World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the September 11, 2001 attacks.

<http://www.staatingroningen.nl/374/stadsmarkering-s3>

Groningen- City marking S7 by William Forsythe



Noorddijkerweg - American Dancer and choreographer William Forsythe (1949-) designed a row of bended willows along a canal. It is a part of Daniel Libeskind’s city markings project.

<http://www.staatingroningen.nl/377/stadsmarkering-s7>

Groningen – Wall House #2 designed by John Hejduk



A. J. Lutulistraat 17 - John Hejduk (1929-2000) designed this house in 1973 for a series of three ‘wall houses’. It was never realized in the U.S. but constructed in the Groningen in 2001.

<http://www.staatingroningen.nl/43/wall-house-2>

Hilversum (Noord Holland) - Office building designed by Richard Meier



Bonairelaan 4 - The headquarters of Vesting Finance is the first building designed by Richard Meier in the Netherlands. Meier’s buildings make prominent use of the color white. Another famous building that Meier designed is the Getty Center in Los Angeles.

Richard Meier is part of the New York Five, a group of American architects.

Laren (Noord Holland) - Singer Museum



Oude Drift 1 - William Singer (1868—1943) was the son of a Pittsburgh steel magnate, who devoted his life to art. Together with his wife, Anna Spencer Brugh, he traveled throughout Europe. In 1901 the couple settled in the artists’ colony of Laren. There they built the villa De Wilde Zwanen (The Wild Swans), which today is part of the Singer Laren museum complex. They were avid art collectors. They purchased works by American artists with whom they were acquainted, including the American painter Walter Griffin. <http://www.singerlaren.nl/>

Hillegom (Zuid Holland) - Den Hartogh Ford Museum



Haarlemmerstraat 36 - With more than 200 Ford automobiles from 1903-1949, the Den Hartogh Ford Museum has the largest private collection in the world.

<http://www.fordmuseum.nl/cms/pages/english.php>

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - U.S. Embassy by American Architect Marcel Breuer



Lange Voorhout 102 - The United States Embassy in The Hague opened in 1959, and was designed by American modernist architect Marcel Breuer (1902-1981). Breuer is also known for his design of the Wassily chair.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Peace Palace - Sculpture "Peace through Justice"



Carnegieplein 2 - In 1925, the U.S. government donated a statue to the Peace Palace: "Peace through Justice" made by American-Irish sculptor Andrew O'Connor (1874-1941). The statue is a modern version of Lady Justice; she has cast off her blindfold and her scales and sword are absent. It can be found on the landing of the Peace Palace.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports



Parnassusplein 5 - This Ministry was designed by American architect Michael Graves (1934) and Dutch architect Sjoerd Soeters. Michael Graves is part of the New York Five, a group of American architects. The building refers to 17th century canal houses.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Louwman Automobile Museum



Leidsestraatweg 57 - This museum by American postmodern architect Michael Graves (1934) opened in 2010. Michael Graves is part of the New York Five, a group of American architects. The museum has a major collection of American cars.

<http://www.louwmanmuseum.nl>

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Town Hall/Public Library by American Architect Richard Meier



Spui 70 - Richard Meier (1934) designed the Town Hall/Public Library in 1995. Meier's buildings make prominent use of the color white. Another famous building that Meier designed is the Getty Center in Los Angeles. Richard Meier is part of the New York Five, a group of American architects.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Gemeentemuseum



Stadhouderslaan 41 - This museum possesses the world's largest collection of works by Dutch-American abstract painter Piet Mondriaan (1872-1944), including his famous last work, the monumental Victory Boogie-Woogie, 1944, a tribute to New York.

The museum also has works of American minimal artist Sol Lewitt.

<http://www.gemeentemuseum.nl/>

The Hague (Kijkduin) (Zuid Holland) - James Turrell - Celestial Vault



Machiel Vrijenhoeklaan 175 - In the dunes of The Hague, where light can have such a tangible presence, Turrell created a place to gaze at the sky: 'Celestial Vault' in Kijkduin.

http://www.stroom.nl/nl/kor/project.php?pr_id=4616026

Tilburg (North Brabant) - Museum de Pont



Wilhelminapark 1 – This museum of contemporary art has works of American artists Bill Viola, Richard Serra and James Turrell in its collection. <http://www.depont.nl/en/home/>

Rotterdam – Hoogvliet (Zuid Holland) – “Le Tamanoir” by Alexander Calder



Venkelweg – The sculpture “Le Tamanoir” (the ant-eater) was created by American artist Alexander Calder (1898-1976) in 1963. It can be found in Rotterdam since 1965.

Rotterdam (Zuid Holland) - Museum Boijmans van Beuningen



Museumpark 18 - The Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen is the main art museum in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Works of American artists Andy Warhol, Claes Oldenburg, and Donald Judd are part of its collection. <http://www.boijmans.nl/en/>

Rotterdam (Zuid Holland) - Bijenkorf Department Store



Coolsingel 105 - The Bijenkorf Department Store in Rotterdam opened in 1957, and was designed by American modernist architect Marcel Breuer (1902-1981). Breuer is also known for his design of the Wassily chair. The building's exterior is an expression of its name: a beehive.

Den Bosch (Noord Brabant)- Kasteel Holterveste



Holterveste - This apartment building by American postmodern architect Michael Graves (1934) opened in 2010. Michael Graves is part of the New York Five, a group of American architects.

Baarlo (Limburg) - Tajiri Sculpture Route



Japanese-American artist Shinchiki Tajiri (Los Angeles, 1923 - Baarlo, 2009) lived and died in the Scheres castle in the village of Baarlo. His work can be found all over the Netherlands. Baarlo has set up a special Tajiri sculpture route. <http://www.shinkichi-tajiri.com/>

Other

Someren (Noord Brabant) – Bust of President Kennedy



Wilhelminaplein – As of 1963, Someren organizes its annual “Kennedymars,” where thousands of participants walk 80 kilometres in 20 hours. President Kennedy first proposed to hold these marches. A bust of President Kennedy was revealed in 1982, to commemorate the 20th Kennedymars.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Peace Palace



Carnegieplein 2 - The Peace Palace (1913) houses the International Court of Justice (which is the principal judicial body of the United Nations), the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Hague Academy of International Law, and the Peace Palace Library. The American philanthropist Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919) donated the \$ 1.5 million needed to build the Palace. <http://www.vredespaleis.nl/>

Delft (Zuid Holland) – Silver Wreath on tomb of Hugo Grotius



Nieuwe Kerk – On July 4, 1899 the U.S. delegation to the Hague Peace Conference laid a Silver Wreath on the tomb of Hugo Grotius (1583-1645). Inscribed in English: "To the Memory of Hugo Grotius / In Reverence and Gratitude / From the United States of America / on the occasion of the International Peace Conference in The Hague / July 4, 1899." American professor Hope Elizabeth May cleaned the wreath for the first time in 113 years and caused it to be rededicated it on July 4, 2012.

The Hague (Zuid Holland) - Marshall Plan Ship in Scheveningen Harbor



Schokkerweg (2e Binnenhaven) - The USS 483 was built at the shipyard of Peterson Builders Inc., Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, for the American "Mutual Defence Assistance Program" (MDAP). These ships were built not only for the Korean War, but also for those countries that did not possess this type of ship after WWII. It was launched on January 17, 1953. Upon completion of being built, the ship received only a number. On 22 July 1954 the US Navy transferred ownership of the ship to the "Royal Netherlands Navy" and the hull number changed from "USS 483" to "Hr. Ms. Onverschrokken M886". Nowadays it is a museum ship. <http://www.museumschip-mercuur.nl/?lang=en>

Amsterdam (Noord Holland) - U.S. Consulate General, Museumplein



Museumplein 19 - The former mansion dates from 1916. After having rented the building from the Dutch Committee for Former German Property since August 1945, the U.S. Government formally purchased the building on March 19, 1948, when the contract was signed at the American Embassy in The Hague. It has been in use as the American Consulate General ever since.

<http://amsterdam.usconsulate.gov/history.html>